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USE THEREOF

Examiner: A. Marschel

Group Art Unit: 1631

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2001 (Paper No. 6) for which a response is due on August 9, 2001 and is found to be timely filed.

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-22), without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

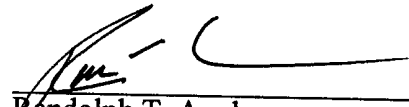
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Respectfully submitted,

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